

MAY 5, 2004 MEETING
374 HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
MINUTES

Present

Commissioners

Steven Afriat, President
Renee Campbell, Vice President
Diana Wood

Absent

James Barger, Secretary
Sylvia Robledo

County Representatives

Richard Townsend, County Counsel
Jonathan Geller, County Counsel
Steve Jimenez, Treasurer Tax
Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax
Deputy Ernie Barbosa, Sheriff's Department
Oscar Gomez, Regional Planning

Commission Staff

B. Eugene Romig
Steve Erickson

Court Reporter

Michele Diaz

CALL TO ORDER

President Afriat called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, all applicants and witnesses were sworn prior to the hearing.

MINUTES:

ACTION TAKEN: MINUTES of April 28, 2004 – Approved with the following change to page 3 indicated in italics:

Henry G. Fychok
16520 Ingram Drive
La Puente – First District

The Commission took the following actions:

1. Rejected the recommendation to deny the above license.
2. Renewed the license subject to the following conditions:
 - a. The applicant does not carry business cards representing himself as a County Traffic Officer.
 - b. The applicant does not carry business cards displaying any of the seals, logos or badges of the County of Los Angeles.
 - c. *The effective date of the license is June 1, 2004.*
3. ~~Suspended the license until June 1, 2004.~~

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY PUBLIC EATING LICENSE
NO. 0652-117799**

Samuel L. Martinez & Rosa Martinez
El Alteno Bar
10213 Inglewood Ave.
Inglewood – Second District

The applicants were not present for the hearing.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission took the matter off calendar.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR
LICENSE NO. 129011**

Ernest Patterson
Patterson Auto Service Center
10000 S. Budlong Ave.
Los Angeles – Second District

Oscar Gomez, Regional Planning, reported that the site for the applicant's business was previously zoned R-4 (residential) but is currently zoned C-2, which doesn't permit

motor vehicle repair. He noted that the Regional Planning Commission had previously approved gas station use at the site, but that the gas station is not currently operating.

Applicant Ernest Patterson described his business, noting he has conducted auto repair at the site since 1970, and described the other two businesses located at the site. He indicated he has no county motor vehicle repair license, but had initially applied for the license in 2002.

President Afriat pointed out that in 1942 the Regional Planning Commission issued a zoning permit for service station usage at the site, and that at that time service stations included motor vehicle repair. He emphasized that this zoning permit would allow the site to be used for motor vehicle repair.

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax, indicated that according to the Title 7 County Business License Code, his department can't issue a license without zoning approval, and that the applicant's business is in violation of the zoning code.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission did not accept the recommendation to deny the above license.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

**PUBLIC HEARING ON RECOMMENDATION TO DENY MOTOR VEHICLE REPAIR
LICENSE NO. 129206**

Life Time Muffler Service
2909 Foothill Blvd.
La Crescenta – Fifth District

Joseph Dangerfield, Treasurer Tax, reported that the Sheriff's Department had notified his department that the business was in violation of state and county laws.

Deputy Ernie Barbosa, Sheriff's Department, reported on 2003 arrests of applicant William Shotwell for operating a "chop shop" and drug possession. Subsequent to these arrests, in January 2004 Mr. Shotwell pled guilty to accepting stolen property. Also, a customer reported to the Sheriff's Department that Mr. Shotwell physically assaulted him.

Mr. Shotwell described his business and discussed the allegations made by Deputy Barbosa. He indicated he had accepted the charge for accepting stolen property because he didn't want to pay the legal defense costs. He then discussed his other law enforcement arrests related to assault and battery.

Vice President Campbell commented that the applicant had corroborated Deputy Barbosa's testimony of the applicant's arrest.

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission upheld the recommendation to deny the above license.

Motion: Vice President Campbell, seconded by President Afriat

Vote: Unanimously carried

Commission staff then provided the applicant with written information on appeal procedures.

CONSENT CALENDAR CHARITABLE SOLICITATIONS

Arthritis Foundation, Southern California Chapter
4311 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 530
Los Angeles

Antelope Valley Guild of Children's Hospital Los Angeles
31983 St. Anne Dr.
Llano, CA

ACTION TAKEN: The Notice of Intention to Solicit Applications were approved.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Vice President Campbell

Vote: Unanimously carried

SPECIAL ITEM: COMMISSION DISCUSSION ON CATERING TRUCK LICENSES

ACTION TAKEN: The Commission continued this item until the May 26, 2004 meeting.

Motion: President Afriat, seconded by Commissioner Wood

Vote: Unanimously carried

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was none.

MATTERS NOT ON POSTED AGENDA (TO BE PRESENTED AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR ACTION AT A FUTURE MEETING): The Commission cancelled the May 12, 2004 meeting.

COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS: There were none.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

Steven Afriat
President